



LOOKS EASY BUT ISN'T—Crippling pain of rheumatoid arthritis in his hands, fingers, arms and knees makes the simplest of tasks difficult for Pat Kaulen, 6, Berwyn, Ill. He works slowly and awkwardly to perform various little workaday acts that most of us do without thinking. Here, at the March of Dimes-financed Arthritis Treatment Center, La Rabida Sanitarium, Chicago, the youngster practices by opening a variety of locks on a mock-up exercise board—and it's laborious work although good therapy for hands and fingers almost "frozen" by inflammation. March of Dimes programs assist 11 million Americans afflicted by arthritis diseases as well as victims of birth defects and polio.

Harmon Chooses SEC As Top Football Loop

"Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, Who's the strongest conference of them all?"

Each year the Harmon Forecast has rated the conferences, giving 20 points to the No. 1 team in the nation, 19 points to No. 2, and so on, the one point for No. 20.

On that basis here are the standings: The Southeast Conference is first with 63 points, the Big Ten is second with 31 points, the Big Eight — 29 points, Southwest Conference — 25 points and the Big Six — 11 points.

Just to add a little more fuel to the fire, however, we rated the conferences in another way, possibly a better determining factor depending on which side quotient averages — which includes every team in a particular league rather than just the top teams — the standings read a bit differently.

The Big Ten with a team average of 93.37 is the top conference; the Big Six is fourth with an average of 90.52; Big Eight, 89.68; and the Atlantic Coast Conference power quotient average is 82.23.

Your ball, Mr. Mirror Mississippi stubbed its toe on a mighty potent Mississippi State and finally slipped from its ranking as No. 1 in the country, a spot in the Harmon ratings that it had held for the past four weeks. That leaves Texas as the unanimous national champion, Harmon rankings included, with its very

fine 10 and 0 season. In the Cotton Bowl, it appears that 3rd-ranked Navy will fall just three points short of trying to disprove it.

In reading the Top 120 Teams, keep in mind that a team's rating is based on the average of its performance against all opposition through the entire season. Also, a team's won and lost record has no bearing on its national position.

In our post-season bowl listings, we somehow slipped up on the Sun Bowl game to be played on Dec. 31. Oregon will top Southern Methodist, 21-17.

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Southwestern Defeats Majors

JACKSON, Miss. (UPI)—The Southwestern Lynx of Memphis defeated the Millsaps Majors of Jackson 87-79 Tuesday night after the Lynx retained an early lead.

The Majors cut the lead to 77-75 with less than three minutes of play after trailing by as much as 11 points. A three-point play by Jack Tilton put the game out of the Majors' reach.

Carl Fisher of Southwestern led with 27. Tilton had 16 and Aubrey Smith, and Gary Sharp, both 15. Millsaps' Jack Ainsworth had 24 points.

Russian Star Honored By UPI

LONDON (UPI) — Valery Brumel, Russia's 21-year old record-shattering high-jumper, today was named United Press International's "Sportsman of the Year" for the third consecutive term.

In the annual European poll of 46 sports editors in 20 countries, including the Soviet Union, Brumel scored 199 points to beat out decathlon champ C. Kwang Yang of Formosa by 21 votes. Third place went to John Thomas Pennel, 23, the pole vault king from Northeast Louisiana College, who garnered 153 votes.

Brumel's winning margin in 1961 was 155 and last year 30. The fourth spot went to American swimmer Don Schollander

with 133. Swedish world speed skating champ Johnny Nilsson was fifth with 122; Jacques Anquetil, the French cyclist who practically "owns" the tour of France, was a joint sixth with world heavyweight champion Sonny Liston, both with 84.

Russian weightlifting marvel Yuri Vlasov was eighth with 78; Britain's world auto racing champ Jim Clark of Scotland was ninth with 67 and Britain's dazzling sprint queen, Dorothy Hyman, was 10th with 38.

All editors polled submitted their list of nominees in merit order. Ten points were awarded for a first place, nine for a second and so on.

Brumel polled only eight first place votes compared with the 12 scored by Yang, but the Russian picked up six second place nominations to the Formosan's three and six fourth-placers to one for Yang.

Boating

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Anyone planning on joining the pleasure boating fraternity when the season rolls around next year would be wise to look the market over now during the off season.

This is a period when sales are comparatively dull, and dealers are ready to offer sizeable discounts, along with other incentives such as free winter storage and free launching in the spring.

While prices won't be knocked down much on the new 1964 models, many dealers have on hand unused 1963 boats which they would like to clear out of their inventory. Discounts on some of these may run as high

as 25 per cent.

Then there are used boats. Prices on these also are at their lowest in the fall and winter months when demand is least. Additionally, many used boats include a lot of equipment that would be costly when it came to fitting out a new boat in the spring.

Inspect Used Boat

Before buying any used boat, however, it should be given a thorough inspection, preferably by a marine surveyor who knows where to look for rot and decay and other signs of deterioration in a wood boat and for signs of structural weakness in a fiberglass craft.

One good bet in the used boat market is an aluminum craft. These metal craft are not subject to many of the hazards that affect wood and fiberglass, and many four and five-year-old aluminum boats are just as serviceable today as the day they

were built.

In buying any used boat, the safest thing is to look for a "brand name" boat put out by a firm that still is doing business. There are hundreds of craft on the used boat market now that were manufactured by companies which since have gone out of business — many of them primarily because their products were sub-standard.

Three new styles of propellers that offer some 30 variations of pitch and diameter to cover most stern drive requirements and fill in some gaps in the inboard and outboard lines will be exhibited at the 1964 boat shows by Columbian Bronze Corp.

Leo P. Traeger, the company's sales manager, said the new styles were being produced in the belief that with the current expansion of the stern drive market "there will be a significant demand this coming

season for the same variety in outdrive propellers that we offer in our inboard line."

"We expect that closer attention will be paid by outdrive owners to propeller selection, since there has been accumulated a sufficient backlog of experience to determine the factors that will produce increased efficiency — the mating of the propeller to boat usage or engine performance being important ones," Traeger said.

"Too, there are now a substantial number of older outdrives which could benefit by a change in propeller pitch or diameter."

Previously, the company has provided mostly standard replacement propellers for stern drives. The new styles will give stern drive owners the same wide range of propeller-engine-hull usage matching possibilities as that given inboard and outboard users.



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